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1. Harbor: The least depth of water over the bar at low water is 60 feet. The least depth at safe anchorage at low water is 30 feet. Water at dockside is salt; the bottom is sand and affords good holding ground. Currents are negligible. The port can be entered safely at night, pilots are considered to be skillful.
2. Landing Facilities: The largest tug available is of 750 HP and is diesel-powered. Its services are not considered necessary in docking and undocking. The nearest salvage boat is at Rio de Janeiro. There are about 30 wooden saws used as lighters, total capacity 800 tons. There are twelve electric cranes on the docks, six having a capacity of 1½ tons each, four having a capacity of 3 tons each and two having a capacity of 5 tons each. There is one steam-powered floating crane, capacity 85 tons. It has a maximum outreach of 32 feet, and can plumb the hold of a C-2 type ship with maximum freeboard of 24 feet. Large fenders are needed when the ship's draft is over 24 feet.
3. Storage Facilities: There are three covered warehouses with a total of 69,600 sq ft of floor space adjacent to Berths No 7 and No 8. There are 68,000 cu ft of refrigerated storage space available in the port where temperatures of 32°F-40°F can be maintained. There are two grain elevators.
4. Operations and Capacity: An adequate labor supply is available. The customary number of men per gang is 13, plus a foreman and 8 men on the dock. The average tons per gang hour loading are as follows: 17 tons of cocoa beans; 12 tons of cocoa butter seed; 10 tons of cocoa butter; 1½ tons of tin plate. Average tons per gang hour discharging are as follows: 8-10 tons of pipes and 5 tons of general cargo. Regular working hours are as follows: Day 0730 to 1130 and 1300 to 1700; night 1900 to 2300 and 2400 to 0400. Watchmen are reliable and are not affiliated with the longshoremen's union.
5. Supplies and Utilities: Fresh water can be obtained from the dock at the rate of 15-20 tons per hour; the water is poor for drinking but good for boilers. Fuel oil is obtainable at an installation and can be delivered at the rate of 120 bbls per hour. Fresh vegetables, fruits, meats, and dry goods can be purchased in small quantities at high prices. Ballast cannot be obtained. There are adequate hospital

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ilities and there are doctors and dentists available.

6. Repair Facilities: There are no divers or drydocks at the port; the nearest drydock is at Rio de Janeiro. Minor hull, engine and electrical repairs can be made. Repairs cannot be made to gyro compass, radio direction finder, radio equipment, fathometer and similar equipment.

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